



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

REP. BRADLEY SLAGH

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:30 AM Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Slagh.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Slagh, Lightner, Brann, Borton, T. Carter, Sabo, and C.A. Johnson.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Lightner moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 8, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Heidi Washington, Director of the Department of Corrections, and Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss the FY 2022-23 executive budget recommendation for the department. Ms. Washington discussed key strategic investments including the following: staffing recruitment and retention (\$47.0 million in salary and wage related increases); increasing secure WIFI capabilities in correctional facilities (\$30.0 million); implementing a prisoner movement system (\$10.0 million); increasing research and IT staff (\$1.2 million); and eliminating the portion of prisoner telephone fees that is paid to the department and used to fund prisoner education and programming and replacing the fee revenue with GF/GP (\$14.8 million). Director Washington described additional budget requests included in the recommendation and briefly discussed boilerplate changes. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Slagh adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Representative Bradley Slagh, Chair

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